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House poised to censure Rep. Adam Schiff over Trump-Russia investigations

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff was defiant Wednesday as the Republican-led House prepared to censure him over his comments made several years ago during investigations into President Donald Trump's ties to Russia. He said he will wear the formal disapproval as a "badge of honor" and charged his GOP colleagues of doing the former president's bidding.

"I will not yield," said Schiff, who is running for Senate in his home state of California, during debate over the measure. "Not one inch." More than 20 Republicans voted with Democrats last week to block the censure resolution, but they are changing their votes this week after the measure's sponsor, Florida Rep. Anna Paulina Luna, removed a provision that could have fined Schiff \$16 million if the House Ethics Committee determines he lied. Several of the Republicans who opposed the resolution last week said they opposed fining a member of Congress in that manner.

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Former President Donald Trump listens as he speaks with reporters while in flight on his plane after a campaign rally at Waco Regional Airport, in Waco, Texas, Saturday, March 25, 2023, while en route to West Palm Beach, Fla.

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The revised resolution says that Schiff held positions of power during Trump's presidency and "abused this trust by saying there was evidence of collusion between Trump's campaign and Russia." Schiff was one of the most outspoken critics of the former president as both the Justice Department and the Republican-led House launched investigations into Trump's ties to Russia in 2017.

"By repeatedly telling these falsehoods, Representative Schiff purposely deceived his Committee, Congress, and the American people," the resolution said.

The former Democratic chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and the lead prosecutor in Trump's first impeachment trial, Schiff has long been a top Republican political target. Soon after taking back the majority this year, Republicans blocked him from sitting on the intelligence panel.

Schiff would be the 25th member of the House to be censured and only the third in the last 20 years. Republican Rep. Paul Gosar of Arizona was censured in 2021 for tweeting an animated video that depicted him striking Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., with a sword; Former Democratic Rep. Charlie Rangel of New York was censured in 2010 for serious financial and campaign misconduct.

The censure itself carries no practical effect, except to provide a historic footnote that marks a lawmaker's career. But the GOP resolution would launch an ethics investigation into Schiff's conduct.

While Schiff did not initiate the 2017 congressional in-



Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., speaks as the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol holds its final meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington, Dec. 19, 2022.

Associated Press

vestigation into Trump's Russia ties — then-House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes, a Republican who later became one of Trump's most ardent defenders, started it — Republicans arguing in favor of his censure on Wednesday blamed him for what they said was the fallout of that probe, and of the separate investigation started that same year by Trump's own Justice Department.

Luna said that Schiff's comments that there was evidence against Trump "ripped apart American families across the country" and that he was "permanently destroying family relationships." Several blamed him for the more than \$30 million spent by then-special counsel Robert Mueller, who led the Justice Department probe. Schiff said the censure resolution "would accuse me of omnipotence, the leader of some a vast Deep State conspiracy, and of course, it is nonsense."

Democrats aggressively

defended their colleague during debate. Maryland Rep. Jamie Raskin, who led Trump's second impeachment, called the effort an "embarrassing revenge tour on behalf of Donald Trump."

Mueller, who led the two-year Justice Department investigation, determined that Russia intervened on the campaign's behalf and that Trump's campaign welcomed the help. But Mueller's team did not find that the campaign conspired to sway the election, and the Justice Department did not recommend any criminal charges.

The House intelligence committee probe, launched by Nunes when Republicans were in the majority, similarly found that Russia intervened in the election but that there was no evidence of a criminal conspiracy. Schiff was the top Democrat on the panel at the time.

A final vote is expected later Wednesday. If the House votes to censure him, Schiff will stand in the front of the

chamber while the text of the resolution is read.

Schiff said last week that the censure resolution was "red meat" that Speaker Kevin McCarthy was throwing to his conference amid squabbles over government spending. Republicans are trying to show their fealty to Trump, Schiff said.

He said he warned the country during impeachment proceedings three years ago that Trump "would go on to do worse. And of course he did worse in the form of a violent attack on the Capitol."

After Democrats won the House majority in 2018, the House impeached Trump for abuse of power after he threatened to withhold military aid to Ukraine and urged the country's president to investigate then-candidate Joe Biden. Schiff was the lead House prosecutor making the case for conviction to the Senate, arguing repeatedly that "right matters." The Republican-led chamber ultimately acquitted him.

Trump was impeached a second time a year later, after he had left office, for his role in the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the Capitol. The Senate again acquitted Trump.

In the censure resolution against Schiff, Luna also cited a report released in May from special counsel John Durham that found that the FBI rushed into its investigation of Trump's campaign and relied too much on raw and unconfirmed intelligence.

Durham said investigators repeatedly relied on "confirmation bias," ignoring or rationalizing away evidence that undercut their premise of a Trump-Russia conspiracy as they pushed the probe forward. But he did not allege that political bias or partisanship were guiding factors for the FBI's actions.

Trump had claimed that Durham's report would reveal the "crime of the century" and expose a "deep state conspiracy" by high-ranking government officials to derail his candidacy and later his presidency. But the investigation yielded only one conviction — a guilty plea from a little-known FBI employee — and the only two other cases that were brought both ended in acquittals at trial.

Democrats argued that the House censure resolution is an effort to distract from Trump's recent indictment on federal charges of hoarding classified documents — several of which dealt with sensitive national security matters — and attempting to conceal them. House Republicans, most of whom are loyal to Trump, say the indictment is more evidence that the government is conspiring against the former president. □

Math and reading scores for American 13-year-olds plunge to lowest levels in decades

By COLLIN BINKLEY
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Math and reading scores among America's 13-year-olds fell to their lowest levels in decades, with math scores plunging by the largest margin ever recorded, according to the results of a federal test known as the nation's report card.

The results, released Wednesday, are the latest measure of the deep learning setbacks incurred during the pandemic. While earlier testing revealed the magnitude of America's learning loss, the latest test casts light on the persistence of those setbacks, dimming hopes of swift academic recovery.

More than two years after most students returned to in-person class, there are still "worrisome signs about student achievement," said Peggy G. Carr, commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics, a branch of the federal Education Department. "The 'green shoots' of academic recovery that we had hoped to see have not



Students work in the library during homeroom at D.H.H. Lengel Middle School in Pottsville, Pa., on March 15, 2022.

materialized," Carr said in a statement.

In the national sample of 13-year-old students, average math scores fell by 9 points between 2020 and 2023. Reading scores fell by 4 points. The test, formally called the National Assessment of Educational Progress, was administered from

October to December last year to 8,700 students in each subject.

Similar setbacks were reported last year when NAEP released broader results showing the pandemic's impact on America's fourth- and eighth-grade students. Math and reading scores had been sliding be-

fore the pandemic, but the latest results show a precipitous drop that erases earlier gains in the years leading up to 2012. Scores on the math exam, which has been given since 1973, are now at their lowest levels since 1990. Reading scores are their lowest since 2004. Especially alarming to offi-

cials were outside decreases among the lowest-performing students. Students at all achievement levels saw decreases, but while stronger students saw slides of 6 to 8 points, lower performing students saw decreases of 12 to 14 points, the results show.

There were also differences by race. Students from almost every race and ethnicity saw math scores slide, but the steepest drops were among American Indian students, at 20 points, and Black students, at 13 points. The decline for white students, by comparison, was 6 points, while Asian students held even.

The scores reflect the disproportionate impact of the pandemic's disruptions on Black and Latino students and those from low-income families, said Denise Forte, president and CEO of the Education Trust, a nonprofit advocacy group.

"Students want to succeed, attend college, start a rewarding career and reach their full academic potential," Forte said. □

Associated Press

Drug maker lobbying group sues over plan to negotiate Medicare drug prices

The Associated Press

A key drug maker lobbying group has joined the legal fight against the federal government's plan to negotiate Medicare drug prices.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, or PhRMA, is suing over plans laid out in the Inflation Reduction Act to give the federal coverage program more control over its pharmaceutical costs.

PhRMA said in a federal court complaint filed Wednesday that the act forces drugmakers to agree to a "government-dictated price" under the threat of a heavy tax. The complaint

said Congress delegated too much authority to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to set prices.

It also says the program violates the due process clause of the Constitution's Fifth Amendment "by exempting key decisions from public input and insulating them from administrative or judicial review."

The lawsuit names HHS and its secretary, Xavier Becerra, as defendants. It also names Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

An HHS spokeswoman said the department plans to "vigorously defend" the

law.

The National Infusion Center Association and the Global Colon Cancer Association joined PhRMA in the complaint.

Earlier this month, the drugmakers Merck and Bristol-Myers Squibb also sued over the plan.

Medicare is the federally funded coverage program mainly for people who are age 65 and older. The Inflation Reduction Act's plan marks the first time that the federal government will bargain directly with drug companies over the price for some of Medicare's costliest drugs.

The government is expected to soon release rules for

negotiating drug prices. It will then publish in September a list of 10 drugs that it will start price negotiations

on next year.

Those prices won't take hold until 2026. □



Pharmaceuticals are seen in North Andover, Mass., on June 15, 2018.

Associated Press

Justice Alito accepted Alaska resort vacation from GOP donors, report says

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito accepted a 2008 trip to a luxury fishing lodge in Alaska from two wealthy Republican donors, one of whom repeatedly had interests before the court, and he did not disclose the trips on his financial disclosure for that year, ProPublica reports.

A story published late Tuesday by the nonprofit investigative journalism organization states that in July 2008 Alito flew to a remote corner of Alaska aboard the private plane of businessman and Republican donor, Paul Singer. A hedge fund founded by the billionaire has brought roughly a dozen cases before the court since then, ProPublica reported. Alito did not recuse himself from participating in any of those cases. Alito's three-day stay at the King Salmon Lodge was paid for by another wealthy donor, Robin Arkley II, the owner of a mortgage company then based in California. Leonard Leo, then a leader of the conservative legal group The Federalist Society, helped make arrangements for the trip, including securing a spot



The U.S. Supreme Court, Tuesday, June 13, 2023, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

for Alito aboard Singer's jet, which would have cost Alito at least \$100,000 if he chartered the jet himself, ProPublica reported.

Supreme Court justices, like other federal judges, are required to file annual financial disclosure reports, which ask them to list gifts they have received. However, the high court is not subject to a binding code of conduct that applies to lower court judges, giving individual justices latitude

to write and enforce their own rules. Alito vigorously disputed the findings in a Wall Street Journal opinion article released before ProPublica published its story, stating he faced no obligation to disclose the details of the trip or recuse himself from cases involving Singer's hedge fund.

"My recollection is that I have spoken to Mr. Singer on no more than a handful of occasions, all of which (with the exception of small

talk during a fishing trip 15 years ago) consisted of brief and casual comments at events attended by large groups," Alito wrote. "On no occasion have we discussed the activities of his businesses, and we have never talked about any case or issue before the Court."

"As for the flight, Mr. Singer and others had already made arrangements to fly to Alaska when I was invited shortly before the event,

and I was asked whether I would like to fly there in a seat that, as far as I am aware, would have otherwise been vacant. It was my understanding that this would not impose any extra cost on Mr. Singer," Alito wrote.

The revelation about Alito's acceptance of the trip comes as the court is facing heightened scrutiny over issues of ethics, including the justices' obligation to disclose the details of expense-paid travels. That's led Democrats in Congress to call for legislation that would impose binding ethics rules on the court.

ProPublica previously reported that Justice Clarence Thomas accepted decades of undisclosed trips from a longtime friend, Republican megadonor Harlan Crow, that included stays at Crow's private resort, flights aboard his jet, and a vacation aboard Crow's yacht in Indonesia. Crow also purchased property from Thomas and paid private school tuition for a Thomas nephew whom the justice helped raise.

Since the passage of a Watergate-era law, the justices are supposed to report gifts they receive. □

Rules allow transgender woman at Wyoming chapter, and a court can't interfere, sorority says

By MEAD GRUVER

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A national sorority has defended allowing a transgender woman into its University of Wyoming chapter, saying in a new court motion that the chapter followed sorority rules despite a lawsuit from seven women in the organization who argued the opposite. Seven members of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Wyoming's only four-year state university sued in March, saying the sorority violated its own rules by admitting Artemis Langford last year. Six of the women refiled the lawsuit in May after a judge twice barred them from suing anonymously.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma motion to dismiss, filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Cheyenne, is the sorority's first substantive response to the lawsuit, other than a March statement by its

executive director, Kari Kittrell Poole, that the complaint contains "numerous false allegations."

"The central issue in this case is simple: do the plaintiffs have a legal right to be in a sorority that excludes transgender women? They do not," the motion to dismiss reads.

The policy of Kappa Kappa Gamma since 2015 has been to allow the sorority's more than 145 chapters to accept transgender women. The policy mirrors those of the 25 other sororities in the National Panhellenic Conference, the umbrella organization for sororities in the U.S. and Canada, according to the Kappa Kappa Gamma filing.

The sorority sisters opposed to Langford's induction could presumably change the policy if most sorority members shared their view, or they could resign if "a position of inclusion is too of-

fensive to their personal values," the sorority's motion to dismiss says.

"What they cannot do is have this court define their membership for them," the motion asserts, adding that "private organizations have a right to interpret their own governing documents." Even if they didn't, the motion to dismiss says, the lawsuit fails to show how the sorority violated or unreasonably interpreted Kappa Kappa Gamma bylaws.

The sorority sisters' lawsuit asks U.S. District Court Judge Alan Johnson to declare Langford's sorority membership void and to award unspecified damages.

The lawsuit claims Langford's presence in the Kappa Kappa Gamma house made some sorority members uncomfortable. Langford would sit on a couch for hours while "staring at them without talking," the lawsuit alleges. □

Paris police look at gas leak as possible cause of explosion and fire that injured 24

By ANGELA CHARLTON and ALEX TURNBULL
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — A strong explosion rocked a building in Paris' Left Bank on Wednesday, injuring at least 24 people, igniting a fire that sent smoke soaring over the French capital's monuments and prompting an evacuation of other properties, authorities said. Police were investigating suspicions that a gas leak caused the blast.

The facade of the building in the 5th arrondissement collapsed. Emergency services were searching for two people who might be trapped inside, the district's mayor said. The explosion happened near the historic Val de Grace military hospital, in one of the most upscale neighborhoods of the French capital.

Some 270 firefighters were involved in putting out the flames and 70 emergency vehicles were sent to the scene. The fire was contained Wednesday



Firemen use a water canon as they fight a blaze Wednesday, June 21, 2023 in Paris.

Associated Press

evening but not yet extinguished as Paris bars and restaurants celebrated the summer solstice with a city-wide annual music festival. Sirens wailed as ambulances passed through the neighborhood, but residents started to move freely again on the previously

cordoned off street, rue Saint-Jacques. Associated Press reporters said smoke had stopped pouring out of the building where the explosion occurred. Paris police chief Laurent Nunez said the building housed a private school, the Paris American Acad-

emy. The school was founded in 1965 and offers teaching in fashion design, interior design, fine arts and creative writing. A Paris police official told the AP that 24 people were injured, including four in critical condition and 20 with less severe injuries. □

Fighting resumes after Sudan cease-fire as number of people displaced passes 2.5 million

CAIRO (AP) — Clashes resumed between Sudan's military and a powerful paramilitary force after a three-day cease-fire expired Wednesday morning, a protest group and residents reported.

Sudan descended into conflict in mid-April after months of worsening tensions exploded into open fighting between rival generals seeking to control the African nation. The war pits the military, led by Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, against the Rapid Support Forces, a militia-turned-paramilitary force commanded by Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo.

The cease-fire, brokered by the United States and Saudi Arabia, expired Wednes-

day at 6 a.m. local time. The truce had brought relative calm to Sudan's capital, Khartoum, since it took

effect, but fierce fighting was reported starting Tuesday night in parts of the city.

Residents said the clashes centered around an intelligence headquarters near Khartoum International Airport. There were sporadic clashes elsewhere in the capital, according to three people who live in the capital.

"The battles have been intensified," said Khalid Abdel-Rahman who lives in Khartoum's city center. "Sounds of gunfire echoed across the area."

Fierce clashes were also reported around a military facility in the neighboring city of Omdurman, according to area resistance committees that are part of a wider group that spearheaded pro-democracy demonstrations over the past years. □



People board a truck as they leave Khartoum, Sudan, on June 19, 2023.

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Stonehenge welcomes 8,000 visitors for the summer solstice

By **PAN PYLAS** and **KIN CHEUNG**

Associated Press

STONEHENGE, England (AP)

— All hail the rising sun.

Around 8,000 revelers gathered around a prehistoric stone circle on a plain in southern England to express their devotion to the sun, or to have some communal fun.

Druids, pagans, hippies, local residents and tourists, many clad in an array of colorful costumes and even antlers, stayed and celebrated at Stonehenge for the night and greeted sunrise on Wednesday, which is the longest day in the Northern Hemisphere.

At dawn, the sun rose behind what is known as the Heel Stone in the northeast part of the horizon and the first rays shone into the heart of Stonehenge, one of the world's most famous prehistoric monuments and a World Heritage Site.

A sun-filled dawn followed a slightly misty sunrise, which was greeted with drumming, chanting and cheering.

"Stonehenge continues to captivate and to bring people together to cele-



Revelers gather at the ancient stone circle Stonehenge to celebrate the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year, near Salisbury, England, Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

Associated Press

brate the seasons, just as it has done for thousands of years," said Nichola Tasker, director of Stonehenge at English Heritage, a charity that manages hundreds of historic sites.

"There was a wonderful atmosphere from sunset to sunrise, and everybody enjoyed a very atmospheric morning," she added.

Local police said two peo-

ple were arrested on suspicion of a public order offense after they were refused entry due to intoxication.

"Everyone has been joyous, enjoying the event and having a glorious time and it has been peaceful and safe," said Wiltshire Police Chief Constable Catherine Roper, who attended the solstice for the first time.

In addition to the 8,000 people present, English Heritage said that approximately 154,000 people tuned in from around the world to watch the sunset and sunrise on the charity's livestream.

All over the U.K., optimism will reign supreme as summer officially starts. It's no coincidence that the nearby Glastonbury Festi-

val, one of the world's biggest music events, opens its doors on Wednesday, too. Both Stonehenge and Glastonbury supposedly lie on ley lines — mystical energy connections across the U.K.

For the thousands making the pilgrimage to Stonehenge, approximately 80 miles (128 kilometers) southwest of London, it is more than looking forward to Elton John at Glastonbury or a few ciders in the sun. Many of those present at Stonehenge will be making the short 50-mile (80-kilometer) journey further west to Glastonbury over the coming days.

For druids, modern-day spiritualists linked to the ancient Celtic religious order, Stonehenge has a centuries-long importance, and they performed their rituals around the solstice in their traditional white robes.

It's effectively all about the cycle of life, of death and rebirth.

This year, the summer solstice at Stonehenge started at 7 p.m. Tuesday and ran through 8 a.m. Wednesday. □

Threats against Norway's LGBTQ+ Pride festival rise following deadly 2022 attack

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)

— Threats have increased against next week's LGBTQ+ Pride festival in Oslo following a deadly shooting last year at the annual event, the Norwegian Police Security Service said Wednesday.

However, the domestic security agency, known by its Norwegian acronym PST, said it was not aware of any concrete danger. The head of its counterterrorism unit, Lars Lilleby, said the threats might be an attempt to force the cancellation of the July 1 parade.

The threats have come from right-wing extremists and radical Islamists, PST said. "We all take it very

seriously," Lilleby said. "It is perhaps right now that it is important to carry out this event, we encourage

that." During last year's festival, a gunman opened fire in Oslo's nightlife district, killing two people and

wounding 20 others. A Norwegian citizen originally from Iran, Zaniar Matapour, was arrested and charged with murder, attempted murder and terrorism. No trial date has been set.

There are three other suspects in the case, including one who reportedly fled to Pakistan. Norway is awaiting his deportation. PST has called the attack an "Islamicist terror act."

Earlier this month, a report commissioned by Norwegian police blasted PST, saying it had been warned by the country's external Intelligence Service that an attack was imminent in a Scandinavian country, with several clues pointing

at Norway, and that PST could have prevented the bloodshed.

On Sunday, authorities in Austria said they had foiled a possible attack on Vienna's Pride parade by three young men who allegedly sympathized with the Islamic State group. Three suspects, aged 14, 17 and 20, were arrested one hour before the start of the parade on Saturday.

A man in his 20s was detained Tuesday in pre-trial custody for four weeks in Oslo for allegedly making threats against the Pride parade in the Norwegian capital. He made the threats by email and other digital forms, police said. □



Flowers are left as a spontaneous pride parade arrives at the scene of a shooting in central Oslo, Saturday, June 25, 2022.

Associated Press

Lessons from our elders: Plants and fruits for medicinal use (part 2)

(Oranjestad)—In last week's edition, we shared with our readers some medicinal use for plants and fruits, passed down from our elders through generations. This week, we present two more uses of fruits and plants for medicinal use.

Sweet potato

According to our elders, sweet potato is mostly useful for low blood pressure.

People who suffer from low blood pressure were advised to eat sweet potato 2 to 3 times a week. However, if you have high blood pressure, it is best not to eat too much sweet potato, as this raises blood pressure. Sweet potatoes are also great for people who work hard labor jobs, and it's been said to be aid blood circulation in the body, as well as help those with

hemorrhoids or diarrhea. Many of our elders opted to plant sweet potatoes themselves, mostly because of how easy it was to do so. Cut the end of a sweet potato let it sit in shallow water until it starts to sprout. Then you may plant it in the ground. Sweet potatoes need plenty of water to grow, especially in the first week in the ground. It was said that once you start to notice the ground crack underneath the flowers, it is time to harvest. This should happen around month 3.

Pomegranate

Pomegranates are also one of the easier fruits to plant and harvest. Originated from Persia, this plant can grow almost everywhere. In Aruba, there are many homes that have a tiny or big pomegranate tree. You may be wondering what the difference is



between a small and big pomegranate tree, for which the answer is based on harvest time. Tiny trees produce tinier pomegranates that can be harvested early on. Contrarily, big trees produce bigger pomegranates, but they need enough time to fully ripen before harvesting, otherwise you might end up with bitter seeds. Pomegranate trees are also very easy to plant. In essence, if you just throw the seeds on the ground, they could grow into a tree. In terms of medicinal use,

pomegranate skins are said to have a few benefits for our health. According to customs, pomegranate skin tea can help those that suffer from diarrhea. Dried pomegranate skin tea is also good for people who have worms. Pomegranate flowers can be boiled to make a drink and this can be used for irritated gums; just take a swig and let the tea sit in your mouth for a couple minutes.

Source: Remedi i Kustumber di nos Bieunan (Medicine and Customs of our Elderly) by Dinah Veeris □



Prohibited by law: leaving the island with seashells, white sand or corals

(Oranjestad)—Often times, the customs department at the airport intercepts many tourists leaving the island with seashells, white sand and/or corals as souvenirs.

Conforming to the international treaty of CITES and our local law which protects our Flora & Fauna, it is absolutely prohibited to take any seashell, sand and coral outside of Aruba. This is to protect our environment. The high number of seashells, coral and amount of sand confiscated is very strange and it is suspected that our own locals are the ones selling these to the tourists, which is unacceptable.

Upon confiscation at the airport, you can also face a fine that they have to

pay before leaving. This is surely not a pleasant experience for the tourist. This also leads to a negative reaction which can put our tourism in a negative light.

Though we love to accommodate our visitors, let's all give nature the respect it deserves by protecting our environment. Stop collecting seashells, white sand and corals from our shores and stop buying or accepting these from local sellers or companies.

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“We find it really important that our guests have fun; can relax while listening to live music while their taste buds are being tickled by France, The Netherlands and the Caribbean. We offer a unique fusion of dishes and a night not to forget,” says owner Tina. As our special guest you can choose to dine inside our heartwarming airconditioned restaurant or we also offer outside dining on a cozy, elegant terrace with great ambiance of the surroundings. Perfect setting for an enjoyable time people watching while sipping on a delicious cocktail.

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Vegetarian vibes present

Impressive vegetarian/vegan dishes are set up especially for the guests by the chef and Meredith from Vegan Aruba. “We offer vegan choices that are really good and tasty. Our daily soup is always vegan too”. What are you waiting for, make sure to pay a visit to this elegant yet laid-back restaurant while on Aruba. You are most welcome!

Chef’s Garden 6 course dinner by Papillon

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Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Costa Linda Beach Resort

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The honor certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three honoring levels are as follows:
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The honorees were:
 Goodwill Ambassador Mrs. Beverly Meyerer from Florida, United States.



Goodwill Ambassadors Mr. Chris Friedman & Mrs. Sharon Gordon from New Jersey, United States.

Ms. Kimberley Richardson representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of the Costa Linda Beach Resort bestowed the certificates to the honorees, presented them with memorable gifts, and also thanked them for choos-

ing Aruba as their best-loved vacation destination, and as their home-away-from-home.

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island".

Top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by Mrs. Beverly were:

- Aruba's nice and friendly people.
- Aruba's climate.
- Aruba's nice sandy beaches.
- The island is multicultural.
- The sand and the sun.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by Mr. Chris & Mrs. Sharon were:

- Aruba's people.
- Aruba's year-round constant weather.
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- Aruba's beaches!
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**The Caquetios of Cayciba, Rock island agro ceramists
Farmers and Fishermen masters of ceramics.**

If we study the history of mankind from early times on, one thing is evident: its numbers are increasing all the time! May this increase be quick during the last centuries or decades; the situation in prehistory was not different – albeit the growth was slower then. The answer mankind has found for problems caused by its increasing number is: organization.

In this specific case organization of the plant world by selection and cross-breeding, created an opportunity which in other situation never could have sustained the mention growth. In this way the nutritive value of plants improved: they became domesticated. When large numbers of the improved plants were planted together on a relatively small piece of land organized agriculture became possible and the need to be constant on the hunt diminished drastically. The Amerindians has provided many plants with a high nutritive value to mankind: these were specially potatoes, maize, cassava, peanuts, many species of beans, tomatoes, cacao, vanilla etc.

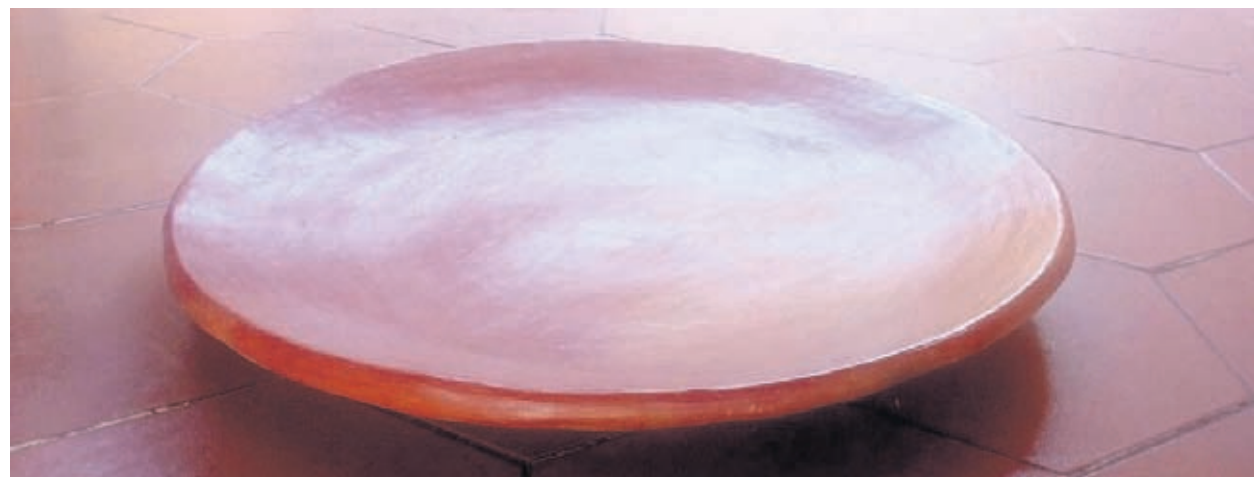
For the area under study maize and manioc have a primary importance. Cassava was domesticated at an early date in Central Amazonia. Early domesticates of maize have been found in Peru and in Mexico from ca 4000 BC on.

Amerindians groups in East Venezuela cultivated cassava from ca 2000 BC on. In the same period of time maize was cultivated in West Venezuela. Aruba followed West Venezuelan trends and developments.

The general development to provide the main part of the diet in an "organized" way resulted in larger villages and more permanent village locations, heavier-built houses, etc. Under such conditions- and we see this all over the world-



people start to store liquids and to process food in more elaborates way than in "hunter-gatherer" communities: as soon as the use of domesticated plants (agriculture) starts, the use of pottery or ceramics develops (hence Ceramic Period). These developments are present in Venezuela for a long time without affecting Aruba.



Ca 9000 – 1000 AD, however, Amerindians with such technologies came to Aruba and founded large villages. All these villages are situated on good soil for the gardens in which the food plants were cultivated. In a relatively dry Island such as Aruba that is near the best locations from a geomorphological ('soil') and hydrological ('water') point of view: near the guts or 'rooien'.

We call these Ceramic Indians., after the specific style of their pottery. Such pottery was excavated first by archaeologists near Dabajuro, a town near Coro on the Venezuelan mainland. It is handsome, well-made pottery as can be seen in the exposition of the Archaeological Museum Aruba.

Not all the pottery that were excavated by Archaeologists at the large villages (three are most important: Santa Cruz and Tanki Flip at some distance from the southwest coast, and Savaneta near that coast) were as well-finished as some of the specimens that have a place of honor in this Aruba's archaeological museum. Well-finished and decorated ceramic artifacts where in most of the time elaborated for ceremonial use, and this was in gratitude to the spirits that had been generous with the people. So that more than 90 % of the excavated ceramic work was undecorated 'utility-ware': vessels to store liquids, cooking pottery and griddles. This last category is formed by large, ca 2 cm thick flat circular plates of ceramic, budare or buren used to prepare cakes of cassava and maize.

The Aruban pan batí or beaten bread in Papiamentois derived for this kind of cooking method. We must mention that this way of cooking corn or maize flat bread on a clay plate is common all over the American continent. For example the name budare comes from Arawakan- Caquetian language. The buren which forms the word Burenquen the native name of Puerto Rico, stands for many buren or many cooking plates indicating the abundance of food and the comal of Mexico, which is use to roast the famous tortilla. Nowadays clay comal or Budare's has been replaced by cast iron griddles that in Aruba is called the casuela. However clay budare's always has given that special native taste to this simple but nutritious cake or flat bread. Another preparation hich is made of grinded corn kernels corn is our funchi, which can be compared to what is known as polenta or corn cake in Italian cooking.

Source: Island Insight column by Etnia Nativa.

Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a windswept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea.

Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a "must see" landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the "T" junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

About the Anchor Size

It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the "fluke" or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

Story 1:

"According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of the island. This is the usual shallow

mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain."

Story 2:

"Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them. "

How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba; Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division

Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The "anchor", which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated "To All Seamen" on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam Speziale, requested assistance

from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated "To All Seamen" in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seaman who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

The Best Time to Visit

When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule. ☐



The Red Anchor situated at the entrance of former Lago Colony in San Nicolas

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHEN YOU ASK THE BEST QUESTIONS OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS, YOU INVITE THE BEST ANSWERS. — ANGELA BASSETT

From zero to NIL: How student-athletes can manage income

By JAE BRATTON
 of NerdWallet

When University of Notre Dame sophomore Calyn "KK" Bransford takes the court this upcoming basketball season, she'll do so with a touch of glam thanks to her false lashes. She wants to look good while hooping, but wearing the lashes is also her job. Bransford is under contract as a brand ambassador for Opulence Lashes and earns money by promoting the company's products. That's possible thanks to a sea change in NCAA rules governing college athletes, who can now make money from their "NIL" name, image and likeness. Prompted by a Supreme Court decision that invalidated restrictions on certain payments to student-athletes, the NCAA changed its rules on NIL income in 2021. While student-athletes still can't be paid to play their sport or attend a specific school, they can receive money for things like ad deals, endorsements and appearances. Student-athletes' NIL earning opportunities are governed by a patchwork of state laws and school and conference rules. Before Bransford went to college, she and her parents studied the NIL rules that apply to her. Now, her parents help her manage the money she earns. "A percentage of the money I spend, but my parents put the rest in a savings account," Bransford says. "It's important to have someone helping you who is older, more experienced, who knows about taxes and bills." Not every student-athlete has a sound financial sup-



Louisville players run across the court during basketball practice at the NCAA East Regional, Wednesday, March 26, 2008, in Charlotte.

Associated Press

port system like Bransford, so many of them need guidance managing NIL income. For this cohort of earners, NIL money can be used to pay for education expenses, hire professional support and invest in their future. With a prudent financial strategy, NIL income could be the foundation for generational wealth for some athletes. **CONSIDER A MARKETPLACE** If you're hoping to monetize your NIL, you may want to join a marketplace, a digital platform that helps match student-athletes with companies or individuals who want to work with them. Some marketplaces are affiliated with a school, and some aren't. Working with a marketplace isn't required to monetize one's NIL, but it can make the process easier. Student-athletes should report all NIL activity to their school, which evaluates every deal to ensure it's compliant with state law and the school's policies. College and university marketplaces automatically process NIL contracts through their compliance departments so the student doesn't

have to submit the paperwork. Some marketplaces charge fees, so it's important that students determine whether the cost outweighs the benefit of being promoted by the marketplace. "Do your due diligence," says Justin Bass, sports and entertainment managing director at MAI Capital Management. "Are you getting something more for the fee?" **PAY FOR SCHOOL** Only 1% of student-athletes receive full-ride scholarships that cover all college expenses, so it makes sense to use NIL income to pay for school. NIL compensation doesn't affect athletic scholarships, but depending on the amount of the NIL earnings, a student-athlete may no longer qualify for need-based financial aid. Those making NIL income should talk to their school's financial aid office to determine how that money will affect their aid package. "If I get \$50,000 via NIL activities, I might need to set aside a good portion of that to pay for my tuition next year," says Adam Cocco, assistant professor of sport administration at the University of Louisville.

GET PROFESSIONAL HELP Managing NIL rules and income in addition to keeping up with athletics and academics can be overwhelming. Consider hiring a professional like a financial adviser, and thoroughly vet anyone before adding them to your team. □

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Robert Downey Jr. weaves introspection into a show about cars

By **KRYSTA FAURIA**

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. knows he has amassed an impressive collection of classic cars — one he self-deprecatingly refers to as artifacts of his success.

Despite his expectations of what the “accouterments are supposed to be” when one reaches a certain level of fame and wealth, trophies, it turns out for the actor, are not all they are cracked up to be. It’s that dissatisfaction that helped to inspire “Downey’s Dream Cars,” his latest project debuting Thursday on Max.

“The cash and prizes, it’s never been what motivated me. So, I shouldn’t be surprised that it’s still not,” Downey said at the show’s premiere, held last week at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles.

While “Downey’s Dream Cars” is very much a show for gearheads, it isn’t restricted to that audience. Downey experiments with genre in a kind of eco-friendly “Pimp My Ride” that is also part memoir and a documentary about the latest advancements in clean technology.

“That was certainly the idea, was to try to innovate a little bit in this kind of sto-



This image released by Max shows Robert Downey Jr., left, in a scene from the series “Downey’s Dream Cars,” streaming June 22.

rytelling,” he said.

In each episode, Downey relinquishes control of his prized possessions, letting experts modify his classic cars to be more environmentally sustainable by making them electric, converting them to run on biodiesel fuel or even affixing them with mushroom leather. Downey hopes it will be a glimpse into the future of sustainability and espouses optimism by featuring what’s attainable now as well as what technological progress promises.

It is indeed a show about cars and technology, but

in it Downey conveys a surprising amount of tenderness and introspection. It’s a window into the ways he’s grown from very public struggles with drug addiction that informed his image for years before “Iron Man” and the Marvel Cinematic Universe came calling. He exhibits a self-awareness of the “machismo” cinematic influences and capitalistic values that prompted him to build such a collection. Throughout the show, Downey weaves in reflections on his life, family and shifting priorities in recent years, specifically as

they relate to the future of the planet.

Susan Downey, a producer who frequently collaborates with her husband, shares his commitment to environmental activism and worked as an executive producer for the show. Although she said they both feel a personal responsibility in the fight against climate change, she praised her husband for his efforts to hold corporations accountable.

“It’s not to absolve the everyday person of any responsibility they have, but really recognizing, to make

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the significant changes, they have to operate at a much higher level,” she said.

The actor has in recent years become widely associated with his activism, particularly after he founded FootPrint Coalition, a venture capital fund that invests in climate technology and artificial intelligence.

In the series, Downey bemoans society’s inefficiency and lack of collective will in making progress on these fronts, a frustration that contributed to his decisions to create both the company and the series.

And despite many people’s concerns over the uncharted territory AI has already traversed, Downey believes in its ability to fight climate change and suspects fears of its capabilities may be to some extent unwarranted.

“Any time there’s been a real emerging technology that was probably going to be significant, there’s always a well of fear and hope,” he said, arguing that both ought to be tempered even if he does think it can be used for good. “I’m not worried about it, but it is something I think we should have proper guidelines for.” □

Television veteran Geraldo Rivera says he’s quitting ‘The Five’

By **DAVID BAUDER**

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NEW YORK (AP) — Geraldo Rivera has quit as one of the lonely liberal voices on Fox News’ popular political combat show “The Five,” saying Wednesday that “a growing tension that goes beyond editorial differences” made it no longer worth it to him.

The last scheduled appearance on “The Five” for the television veteran, whose 80th birthday is on July 4, is next week.

“It has been a rocky ride but it has also been an exhilarating adventure that spanned quite a few years,” he said in an interview with The Associated

Press on Wednesday. “I hope it’s not my last adven-

ture.” Rivera said that it was his



Geraldo Rivera attends The Hollywood Reporter’s annual Most Powerful People in Media issue celebration on May 17, 2022, in New York.

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choice to leave “The Five,” but that Fox management “didn’t race after me to say, ‘Geraldo, please come back.’” There was no immediate comment from Fox.

Despite airing in the late afternoon instead of prime time, “The Five” has become Fox’s most-watched program, with an average of more than 3 million viewers last year.

Its conceit is simple five people, four of them conservative and one liberal kick around the issues of the day.

Greg Gutfeld, Jesse Waters, Dana Perino and Jeanine Pirro are the regular conservatives. Rivera

has rotated as the liberal voice with Jessica Tarlov and Harold Ford Jr., a former congressman from Tennessee.

Rivera said he planned to remain as a “correspondent at large” at Fox, with a contract that expires in January 2025.

He said he’d been suspended a handful of times, most recently in early May. He had tweeted shortly after Fox fired Tucker Carlson on April 24 that he found Carlson’s theories about the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection to be “bullshit,” leading Gutfeld to respond via tweet, “You’re a class act Geraldo, a real man of the people.” □

Morgan and Rapinoe selected for the U.S. Women's World Cup roster

By ANNE M. PETERSON
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Eighteen-year-old Alyssa Thompson was among the 23 players selected Wednesday for the United States team that will defend its title at the Women's World Cup next month.

Thompson, who has been impressive this season as a rookie for Angel City in the National Women's Soccer League, joins veterans Alex Morgan and Megan Rapinoe on the roster selected by coach Vlatko Andonovski.

"We want to do something that's never been done before. We believe in the quality of the team and the support we have and we think we have what it takes to make it possible," Andonovski said about the opportunity to win a third straight World Cup title.

The players were introduced with a star-studded social media post that included President Joe Biden, first lady Jill Biden, Taylor Swift, Lil Wayne and Megan Thee Stallion.

Morgan, 33, and Rapinoe, 37, will be making their fourth World Cup appearances.

Defender Kelley O'Hara,



In this July 7, 2019 file photo, United States' Megan Rapinoe celebrates after scoring the opening goal from the penalty spot during the Women's World Cup final soccer match against The Netherlands at the Stade de Lyon in Decines, outside Lyon, France.

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34, also earned a spot on her fourth World Cup squad as a veteran presence to shore up the backline in the absence of veteran defender and team captain Becky Sauerbrunn, who announced last week she won't play in the World Cup because of a lingering foot injury.

The tournament kicks off on July 20 in Australia and

New Zealand. The Americans are in Group E with Vietnam, the Netherlands and Portugal. The United States opens with Vietnam on July 22 in Auckland.

The team has been hit by injuries in the run-up to the event. In addition to Sauerbrunn, the United States will be without forward Mallory Swanson, who tore the patella tendon in her left

knee. Swanson had seven goals this year before she was hurt in an April exhibition match against Ireland. Catarina Macario, a talented forward who tore her ACL last year while playing for her French club, Lyon, did not recover in time for a spot on the team. Midfielder Samewis also has a lingering injury and wasn't available for the World

Cup.

Some of the youngsters include 22-year-old Sophia Smith, who was named both the NWSL Most Valuable Player and the U.S. Soccer Player of the Year for 2022, and 21-year-old Trinity Rodman, U.S. Soccer's Young Player of the Year in 2021 and the daughter of former NBA star Dennis Rodman.

Thompson is the second-youngest player ever named to a World Cup roster, behind U.S. assistant coach Tiffany Roberts Sahaydak, who played in the 1995 World Cup. Thompson was called onto the team in early April for a match against Ireland, taking the place of Swanson.

"Alyssa, what a turn of events in the last nine months. If you think about in October, she was playing youth soccer and now, in July, she will be at the biggest stage in women's soccer," Andonovski said in a conference call with reporters. Midfielder Julie Ertz, who was on the team that won the title in 2019, made the squad after returning to the team in April following a long layoff for the birth of her son. □

Henrik Lundqvist headlines the Hockey Hall of Fame's goalie-heavy class of 2023

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Henrik Lundqvist is the

headliner of the Hockey Hall of Fame's goaltender-heavy class of 2023, which



New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist, of Sweden, gloves the puck while playing against the Los Angeles Kings during the second period in Game 5 of the NHL Stanley Cup Final series in Los Angeles, June 13, 2014.

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also includes Stanley Cup champions Tom Barrasso and Mike Vernon.

Selection committee chairman Mike Gartner announced the seven-person class Wednesday. Former NHL forward Pierre Turgeon and Canadian women's hockey star Caroline Ouellette were the other players, while Cup-winning coach Ken Hitchcock and late executive Pierre Lacroix were picked to be inducted in the builder category.

Lundqvist, elected in his first year of eligibility, backstopped Sweden to an Olympic gold medal in 2006 and led the New York Rangers to the playoffs in 11 of 12 years. That includ-

ed a trip to the Stanley Cup Final in 2014 and two Eastern Conference Final appearances.

A seventh-round pick in the 2020 draft, Lundqvist ranks fifth on the NHL career victories list with 459. He won 61 more in the playoffs before halting his hockey career in 2020 because of a heart condition.

"Grateful and extremely honored to be selected to the Hockey Hall Of Fame," Lundqvist tweeted. "Thinking of all the great players in the HHOF that inspired me as a kid. Feels amazing to be included in this special group."

Barrasso won the Cup with Pittsburgh back to back in

1991 and '92. Vernon won it with Calgary in 1989 and with Detroit in 1997. Each got in after lengthy waits: Barrasso since 2006 and Vernon since '05.

The wait continues for point-a-game Russian winger Alexander Mogilny and goaltender Curtis Joseph, who is just five victories behind Lundqvist on the NHL career list.

Ouellette got in on her second chance after helping Canada win a gold medal in all four of her Olympic appearances. She had 30 points in 20 games during those tournaments and also was part of six teams that won the IIHF women's world championship. □

Javier Báez gets 1,000th hit to lead Tigers over Royals 9-4

By **DAVE HOGG**

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DETROIT (AP) — Zack Short homered and drove in three runs, Javier Báez got his 1,000th career hit and the Detroit Tigers beat the slumping Kansas City Royals 9-4 on Wednesday. The Royals have lost 15 of 18 games.

Matthew Boyd (5-5) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings for Detroit. He struck out seven without a walk.

"He had a really good changeup and a pretty good slider today," Tigers manager A.J. Hinch said. "He can fall in love with them a little. You want him to maintain his fastball command at the top of the zone. But he did a very



Detroit Tigers' Javier Baez connects for a RBI single during the third inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals, Wednesday, June 21, 2023, in Detroit. The single was Baez's 1,000th career hit.

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nice job for us."

Brady Singer (4-7) lost his third straight decision, giving up five runs, seven hits and a walk in seven innings. He entered the game with a 6-0 record in 11 starts against Detroit but allowed five runs in 3 2/3 innings in a no-decision on May 22.

"I thought he threw the ball well, but he couldn't get them to miss his slider," Royals manager Matt Quatraro said. "He had good movement, but they kept making good contact."

The Royals took a 2-0 lead in the second. Maikel Garcia and Samad Taylor singled before Freddy Fermin hit a line drive to left-center field. Left fielder Andy Ibanez and center fielder Matt Vierling both went for the ball, which evaded Ibanez's reach then bounced off the wall and past Vierling for a two-run double.

Eric Haase tied it with a two-run double in the bottom of the inning, and Short made it 3-2 with an RBI single.

"We got shut out last night, and then they come out and get the two quick runs on us today," Hinch said. "To be able to answer back was really nice and then we kept tacking on and built some separation as the game went on."

Báez put the Tigers ahead 4-2 in the third, driving in Kerry Carpenter with his 1,000th hit.

"I congratulated and reminded him he's still 2,118 behind (teammate Miguel Cabrera), so he better keep it up," Hinch said.

Short led off the fifth with his fourth homer, giving the Tigers a three-run lead.

Kansas City second baseman Taylor and right fielder Matt Beaty collided going after Spencer Torkelson's shallow fly ball to lead off the eighth. Both players stayed down for several minutes, but Taylor stayed in the game and Beaty walked off under his own power. "That was scary, because Matt went down really hard and Samad also went down hard," Quatraro said. □



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